THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, the missing of the Joliet Curie Gold Medal came to light in September, 1991 No FIR has been lodged.

(c) The Nehru Memorial Museum & Library have informed that an inquiry has been instituted to locate the missing medal and to fix the responsibility.

Financial Assistance to Scholars for going abroad

1702. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT sponsor or give full or partial financial assistance/travel grants to scholars and others for attending conferences, seminars and other social, cultural and educational meets abroad; and

(b) if so, the details of persons who were given financial help or travel grants during the last three years and the details regarding their sponsorship?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Norms for spending the allocation by the Universities

1703. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheher the Union Human Resource Development Minister held two days meeting with the Vice-Chancellors of the Central Universities in New Delhi on July 7 and 8, 1992 over the issue of funding of higher education;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that some of the VCs have stated that there was a lot of confusion over the matter and demanded setting up of a Committee/Commission to look into the whole problems;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there were no prescribed norms/parameters for the Universities as to how the allocations be spent on salaries, libraries etc, and that Universities found themselves at a loss in rationalising expenditure; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction and steps likely to be taken to clarify the confusion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The Minister of H.R.D. held consultations on July, 7-8, 1992 with Chaiman, UGC and Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities to consider measures to mitigate the finacial difficulties being faced by them. On the basis of these consultations, an Expert Committee is being set up in consultation with UGC, to evolve rational norms for provision of maintenance grants to Central Universities, to consider steps for mobilisation of additional resources for higher education and to suggest measures for improving the cost-efficiency of the University system.

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1704 **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**

डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि शिक्षा